

REMARKS

Claims 3, 6-9, 14-17, 19, 22-26, and 30-40 are allowed.

Claims 41-48 are pending.

Claims 41 and 44 are amended to put them in allowable form.

The rejections of claims 41-48 are traversed by the amendments to Claims 41 and 44.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 41-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being disclosed by a publication by *London* (POPCORN-A Paradigm for Global Computing) (hereafter "*London*").

The Applicant has rewritten independent Claims 41 and 44 to distinguish them from the prior art *London*. Therefore, the Applicant asserts that the rejections of Claims 41-48 are traversed by the amendments to Claims 41 and 44.

II. CONCLUSION

Claims 3, 6-9, 14-17, 19, 22-26, and 30-40 are allowed and the Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing these claims.

The Applicant has rewritten independent Claims 41 and 44 to put them in allowable form.

The rejections of Claims 41-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being disclosed by *London* are traversed by the amendments to Claims 41 and 44.


The Applicants, therefore, respectfully assert that Claims 41-48 are now in condition for allowance and request an early allowance of these claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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